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Atty. Dkt. No. AVAN/001104**REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 25, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 25, 2006. Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Election/Restriction

Claims 1-14 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

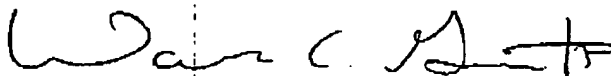
- Invention I Claims 1-8, drawn to a method for computing optical performance monitoring information, classified in class 398, subclass 26.
- Invention II Claims 9-14, drawn to an optical add/drop multiplexer, classified in class 398, subclass 83.

Applicants provisionally elect Invention I, claims 1-8, without traverse.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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